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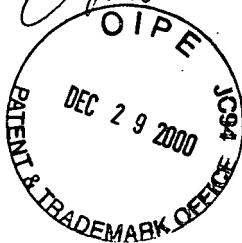
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For: ALARM SYSTEM WITH INDIVIDUAL ALARM INDICATOR
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REPLY

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Sir:

This Reply is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 27, 2000 in the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 of the present application have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Fierro et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,705,979 (hereinafter Fierro).

In the rejection, the Examiner indicates that Fierro meets the claimed subject matter. In particular, the Examiner is of the view that 1) the claimed plural notification appliances are met by the smoke detectors (10); 2) the claimed test status indicator is met by the audible alarm (24) issuing two one second beeps; 3) the claimed alarm indicator is met by the audible alarm (24) issuing a continuous alarm signal; and 4) the claimed system controller is met by the interface